

# Cultists kill Bayelsa varsity student

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A final year engineering student of the Niger Delta University (NDU), Wilberforce Island, in Amassoma, Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, has been killed by suspected cultists.

*Daily Independent* learnt that students and staff now go about their daily activities with fear in Amassoma after the 24-year old student was found soaked in the pool of his blood outside the university gate on Wednesday morning.

The identity of the student could not be ascertained as at the time of this report.

Sources said the victim's assailants, who inflicted him with deep cut in his face, might have used an axe and other weapons on him Tuesday night.

The state-owned university had recorded incidents of killings and disappearance of persons in recent time, including the driver to the institution's registrar, Stanley Boukiri.

Boukiri was reportedly killed early February and his decomposing body, wrapped with a rug, was dumped under a footbridge in a bush near a sand-dump in Amassoma.

A search party discovered the body of Boukiri under the footbridge near the sand-dump four days after he was declared missing.

Police public relations officer, Bayelsa Command, Eguavoen Emokpae, confirmed that a final year student was killed by unknown persons.